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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kiyoshi Sato)
Serial No. 09/610,558)
Filing Date: July 5, 2000)
For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD)
WITH TRACK WIDTH)
RESTRICTING GROOVE FORMED)
TO FULLY READ LOWER CORE)
LAYER, AND MANUFACTURING)
METHOD FOR THE SAME)

Examiner: William Joseph Klimowicz

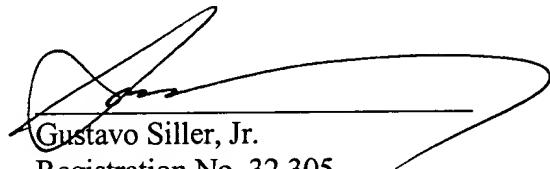
Group Art Unit No. 2652

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESPONSE REQUIREMENT

This election of inventions and species is in response to the Election/Response Requirement mailed on March 15, 2004. In the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicant was required to elect one of the following groups of inventions: Group I – a thin film magnetic head of claims 1-4 and Group II – a method of manufacturing a magnetic head of claims 5-9. In addition, Applicant was required to elect one of the following species of the inventions: Species I – Figures 1-2 and 4-8 and Species II – Figures 3 and 9-12.

Applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-4 and Species I-Figures 1-2 and 4-8, corresponding to claims 1-4.

Respectfully submitted,



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